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ABSTRACT

Violence in the family is being increasingly identified as a societal problem that has multiple short- and long-term effects on children. This book focuses on the relationship between different types of family violence and the resulting impact of violence on the child. Chapter One discusses the definition, history, and societal costs of family violence. Chapter Two delineates proposed theories concerning the etiology of family violence as well as the documentation for these frameworks. In Chapter Three, an exploration of the impact of intrafamilial violence toward children by caregivers and siblings is considered. The child witnessing family violence is the focus of Chapter Four, while Chapter Five deals with psychological maltreatment. Chapter Six presents a cross-cultural exploration of family violence. Chapter Seven explores available assessment measures, and Chapter Eight examines intervention techniques. Chapter Nine recounts resilient children and shares some of their lessons. Future directives for research are considered in Chapter Ten to aid the mental health counselor with the needs of this population. Case studies from clinical practice are included throughout the book to illustrate particular points. (Contains 248 references.) (JDM)

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